Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021 at 01:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for continuing cold conditions across the hills with further snow for most areas, but also some brighter interlues in between. Lower confidence for higher windspeeds through Thursday night.

Headline for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021: Remaining bitterly cold but snow showers will fade and winds will gradually ease.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
60%	50%	40%	<05%	<05%	60%

Forecast for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Weather: Northerly winds will maintain a feed of heavy snow showers across all ranges which will bring temporary blizzard conditions through morning. Some shelter likely across Skye. Showers fading through the day with some sunny breaks leading to some glare off lying snow. A band of snow will spread east after dark, this falling as rain at lower levels.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% becoming 75% by afternoon.

Visibility: Snow showers will bring areas of cloud down to 300-500m through morning but as these fade, cloud will become more occasional above around 600-800m with plenty of breaks between. Heavier showers will bring whiteout conditions to all but lowest levels.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	25/29 NW	17/23 NW	13/18 NW	12/17 W	13/17 SW	19/26 SW	30/40 SW
900	22/27 NW	16/21 NW	12/17 NW	12/17 W	12/17 SW	18/25 SW	28/38 SW
600	13/17 NW	12/17 NW	10/14 NW	10/14 W	8/13 SW	13/20 S	19/28 SW
300	3/20 NW	7/19 NW	5/15 NW	5/14 W	2/13 SW	5/18 SW	5/24 SW
Glen	6/17 N	8/16 NW	7/13 NW	6/12 NW	5/11 W	7/16 S	6/18 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-7/-17	-7/-15	-6/-14	-6/-12	-5/-12	-5/-13	-4/-13
900	-7/-16	-6/-14	-6/-12	-5/-11	-4/-10	-4/-12	-3/-12
600	-4/-11	-4/-10	-3/-8	-2/-7	-2/-6	-2/-8	-1/-8
300	-2/-5	-1/-5	0/-3	1/-1	0/-1	-0/-3	0/-2
Glen	-0/-3	2/-2	3/0	4/2	4/2	3/0	3/0
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	100m	200m	200m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Bitterly cold but less windy than previous days but be aware of strengthening winds after dark.

Forecast for Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Weather: A cold and windy day with rain or snow never far away and often on the heavy side, especially through afternoon. The snow level will be higher than previous days, with snow confined to above around 700m but blizzard conditions are likely on higher ground. Very cold air returns through evening with blizzard conditions extending towards Glen level.

Maximum wind: West 30-40 gusting 50-60mph, likely closer to 75mph through evening, especially in the north.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20%.

Visibility: Cloud will be quite persistent above around 600-800m across all areas with breaks confined to more sheltered eastern slopes across Easter Ross. Visibility will be generally very poor above this especially with frequent blizzard conditions. Rain will turn lower slopes hazy, especially later in the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** 4-6 Celsius, falling 2 or 3 through evening.
At 800m: Minus 1 or 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800-1000m, falling 400m later evening.

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